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Examiner: J. Edell

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 1.116 RECEIVED

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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This is in response to the Office Action having a mailing date of December 17, 2002. The three month shortened statutory period to respond was set to expire March 17, 2003.

Entry of the within amendment is respectfully requested under 35 CFR 1.116 as it is submitted that the amendment satisfies all requirements of form set forth in the outstanding Office Action and otherwise places all claims in condition for allowance.

In view of the following amendments and remarks, the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding objection and rejections and allow all claims pending in this application.

AMENDMENT

Please amend the above captioned application as follows: